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EDITORIAL.

"Be in behavior as becometh holiness adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things, for the grace of God that bringeth salvation to all men hath appeared" (Titus 2).

How few, seemingly, there are who appreciate this great fact that God has perfected a plan in the finished work of Jesus Christ, His well beloved Son, that enables Him to maintain His attribute of perfect righteousness and can at the same time save sinners. Yet this is the great truth revealed to us in His word. He can be just—righteous—and freely justify him who believes on Jesus. This is made possible by the fact that Jesus tasted death for every man. This is a most glorious fact and He wants it to be announced every where in the whole world. He charged His followers to do this, and if we are Christians it is also incumbent on us to help send the blessed news to all the world. Are we doing it as we ought?

The 1918 Bible Conference. This event is now in the past, having convened during the nine days from January 19 to 27. We have not the space to give an extended account of it in this issue, but are glad to report very favorably about it. Some conditions obtained at the time that were somewhat disquieting but all things seemed to turn out favorably. The attendance quite largely exceeded that of former years. The program called for speakers of talent and devotion, and there were evidences that these qualities were present. All were accorded sympa-

thetic hearing and evidently some of the discourses made deep impressions. While, as is always the case at such gatherings, there were differences of opinion among the speakers, as also among the hearers, yet the spirit of love and fellowship, prevented any sign of friction. It was encouraging to have present so many of the younger members who, no doubt, were helped much spiritually. Such seasons afford a rich feast to such as come desirous of receiving spiritual good. Later no doubt, more reference may be made to this event.

We are requested by Bro. Wm. Page, Sec'y of the Sunday School Board, to call the attention of the different districts to Art. 20, Sec. 2, page 3, Gen. Con. Minutes of 1917. Some of the schools have responded and sent offerings, but it is felt that all should have a chance to respond before April 15, 1918. The article referred to reads as follows: "**Resolved**, that delegates be instructed to secure an appropriation each year from the various Sunday Schools thruout the Brotherhood for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Sunday School Board, and the same to be forwarded to the treasurer of said Board.

Bro. Page also requests if any new schools have been organized during the year, the name and address of the superintendent of such school be forwarded to him as secretary so that blanks for the annual report can be mailed to him.

A private communication from the Mowersville, Pa., district informs us that the meetings conducted there by Eld. W. J. Myers of Ohio, for a num-

ber of weeks have closed. Bro. Myers labored earnestly and preached with power, but it seemed hearts were hardened and would not yield. It is hoped the seed sown will become fruitful in time to come.

"The No—Tobacco Journal," is co League of America," an organization whose efforts are directed towards the abolishing of the Tobacco business. The first number of the paper is on our table. In its character and make up it appears to be worthy of the support of all who are, and who are not, persuaded of the deleterious effects of the use of tobacco. We have long ago been convinced in our own mind that tobacco is working greater harm to the race than liquor owing to the fact that its use is very much more nearly universal than that of liquor. The claim that the poison contained in tobacco—nicotine—ranks as one of the most deadly poisons known seems to be well established. There would seem to be a great need of a campaign of education in regard to this matter and this is what this new venture in Journalism is setting out to do. It is published monthly at 25 cents a year by L. H. Higley at Butler, Indiana, to whom all subscriptions are to be sent.

The following extract from a letter from Bro. Frey is interesting and we share it with our readers. He says:

Dear Bro. Detwiler:—

The Bible which you sent me was duly received (A Scofield Reference Bible). I am well pleased, indeed, with the book. The

references, explanations and notes are such a help in the study of the Bible. I have a very interesting Bible class in the school. Just now we are studying the epistles. We have just finished the Acts and found the study of Paul's journeys very interesting. The work is going on as usual—always plenty to do. The first showers of the season have come, but we are anxious for more. But we are especially praying for the spiritual showers. I trust you are not forgetting to hold us up at the throne of grace.

The following letter comes from Eld. L. Shoalts from Kansas where he is engaged in evangelistic work.

Bro. Detwiler:—

Dear brother in Christ, greeting in Jesus' name.

I am well and enjoying the work here. Am at the third meeting—Rosebank. Began here Jan. 1. The weather and roads have been exceptionally good since I came out here Nov. 1, except some zero weather.

The Lord has greatly blessed all the services: we have enjoyed precious fellowship with brethren and sisters of Kansas, this being our first trip to this part of the Brotherhood. We are glad to meet so many precious spiritual people; and while some felt their need of God they in general were very favorable to the truth. Thus it has been a very favorable field to labor in at all three places—Bethel, Belle Springs and Rosebank. And in all the three services there have been seekers both among the believers and also among the unsaved. The outlook for reaching sinners is more favorable here at Rosebank than at any of the former meetings as there are a number of young people, mostly brethren

ren's children, unsaved, and under conviction. Six or eight have already come out, and we look for more if weather fairs up and roads get open. We had no service last night as a heavy snow and drift blocked the roads yesterday and last night, this being the first storm of any account during our time in Kansas.

From this place I expect to go home after making a few short calls at other points, Lord willing. Will be very thankful if we are again permitted to return home safely and meet our dear family, also the church at home. Although our fellowship in Kansas has been so precious and will be a precious time in our memory yet there is no place, in one sense, like home.

L. Shoalts.

Ramona, Kans., Jan. 11, 1918.

**SPECIAL NOTICE BY THE GENERAL
EXECUTIVE BOARD, TO ALL BISHOPS
AND OVERSEERS OF
DISTRICTS.**

Whereas, General Conference of 1917, under Art. 7, Sec. 5, Page 21, authorized the respective districts throughout the Brotherhood, to make a strong effort to raise a sum equivalent to \$.75 per member, during the early part of this Conference year, and forward same to the Treasurer of the Gen. Ex. Board, not later than Sept. 1, 1917, to be applied toward the payment of the Messiah Home indebtedness; and,

Whereas, the appointed time has passed by and a number of districts have nobly responded, some having contributed way beyond their allotted amounts, yet the fact remains that a number of districts have utterly failed even to make a report to

the Sec'y of the Gen. Ex. Board of any effort on their part; and,

Whereas, the several members of the Gen. Ex. Board are inclined to think that the districts which have not as yet responded are equally desirous with the other districts to stand by the decisions of General Conference, which is the highest tribunal of the church, no matter whether such decisions are agreeable or not; and,

Whereas, the Brotherhood realizes that "in Union there is strength" and "United we stand, but divided we fall;" and,

Whereas, the Treasurer of the Gen. Ex. Board is required to render an itemized account of the receipts of the several districts to Gen. Ccn. of 1918, and is very anxious to have said indebtedness cancelled; therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Gen. Ex. ops or overseers of the several districts earnestly requests the Bish-tory districts to take immediate action on this matter and thus "Honor the Lord with thy substance," and enjoy blessings derived from faithfulness to duty and loyalty to a beloved Brotherhood.

H. K. Kreider, Sec'y

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Whereas, owing to war conditions, the sad fact confronts us that many of our worthy young Brethren are being drawn into the various military encampments; and,

Whereas, such isolation from the home congregational teaching, and spiritual instruction, will more or less have a tendency to draw them away from their stability in Christ,

and the faith and doctrine of the church; and,

Whereas, the Brotherhood is scattered over a vast territory, the Brethren of the respective church districts will naturally be drawn into military encampments in various localities, therefore,

Resolved, that the General Executive Board hereby recommends that the official Brethren in the respective church districts throughout the Brotherhood take immediate steps to get into touch with those Brethren who have been drawn into military encampments by reason of the selective Draft Law, and render to them spiritual advice and instructions during their detention.

In pursuance of the foregoing preambles, and resolutions, and under the very pressing conditions in eastern Pennsylvania, a committee of brethren met by special appointment in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, and after careful and prayerful consideration adopted the following:—

Resolved, that a committee of two brethren be elected by ballot whose duty it shall be to obtain the necessary information, and make the proper arrangements to give the best possible care and attention by way of religious service, or spiritual instruction, as the case may demand, to the brethren who are detained at Camp Mead, Maryland, thus making provision for the church in the state of Pennsylvania; and,

Resolved, that the respective church districts in Pennsylvania should work in co-operation with the said committee thus elected by rendering their financial and spiritual support.

This ballot resulted in the election of the Permanent Conference Secre-

CONTRIBUTED

YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.

By L. SHOALTS.

As we read the 4th. Chap., of I Peter we notice the 3rd and 4th verses. "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings and abominable idolatries, wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot speaking evil of you."

How necessary it is to get saved from sin, receive a change of heart, as it is sometimes termed. Webster's dictionary says: The heart is: The seat of the affection. The seat of the will. The seat of the understanding. When that is really

tary, Bish. C. N. Hostetter of Washington Boro, Pennsylvania, and Bish. L. O. Musser of Mount Joy, Pennsylvania; and be it,

Further Resolved, that the General Executive Board hereby also recommends that the officials in the various church districts throughout the Brotherhood, who desire information on the above said matter, correspond with the aforesaid committee, since this committee has heretofore been in direct consultation with the authorities at Washington, D. C., in conjunction with other non-resistant religious bodies in the State of Pennsylvania, and have also become personally acquainted with some of the conditions as obtained in the military encampment at Camp Mead, Maryland.

H. K. Kreider, Sec'y

changed we become a new creature, when these two great gifts of God old things pass away all things become new. This is what we all need before we join church. So many join the visible churches these days and take on a profession of religion. When they are asked if they enjoy salvation the answer generally is along this line: I am trying to serve God: or, my desire is to be true; or, I belong to such or such a church. Some of such professors tell us they were taken in as members even by triune immersion and put on some plain apparel and they were never asked if they have found peace or pardon, or had knowledge of sins forgiven. Such members added to the church are a burden instead of a blessing and become thieves and robbers, as we read of those who climb up some other way.

But perhaps in most cases the ministry and fathers and mothers of the church are to blame, in being more anxious about numbers than quality. We may be nicely educated and cultured and trained and refined, morally and intellectually yet if we have not been born of the Spirit we will not enjoy the Spirit life. There will still remain that stubborn, self-will, proud, selfish, unthankful, disobedient to parents, and to leaders of the church, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Such church members are not praying for the Holy Spirit to have His way and empower the church and inspire the testimonies and preaching and prayers: but they rather favor what is sometimes called "Twentieth century religion," which is more or less Higher Criticism.

They do not honor the Holy Spirit in His office: or the blood of Christ to save and cleanse from all sin. And

are not honored all our machinery and trying and workings and organizing is empty. Jesus did not say try to make your light shine but rather "Let your light shine." Nor did the apostle say "Try to have brotherly love," but rather, "Let your light shine." Nor did the apostle say "Try to have brotherly love continue." And as we read in Eph. 5: 18: "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." We notice the comparison here—being drunk with wine and being filled with the Spirit.

When people are drunk with wine they are generally active and free to express themselves; they will speak things at such times which if they were sober they would not. Sometimes men under the influence of wine will talk about serving God and even ask for prayer and even pray themselves. They no doubt had the same thoughts in their hearts while sober but ashamed to express it in words, but wine caused boldness. So the believer, when filled with the Spirit, gets courage, boldness and becomes active to obey God in every good work.

Without the Spirit of God we are dead and formal. The words of the Psalmist come in here so beautifully: "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

We get the blessing of holiness right down here in this world: a heaven to go to heaven in. But notice, we must first get clean hands,—a Bible expression that denotes freedom from guilt.

GOLDEN STARS.

By W. R. SMITH.

So many start to seek for sanctification and as they start seeking they first have to clear up a list of things "on the shelf behind the door." Confess sins, make wrongs right, and forgive enemies. This shows at once

that they were not clear in justification. Justification is a precious state of grace, and, dear reader, if you got blessed in seeking God and testified to holiness or a clean heart, and afterwards find trouble on this line,

uprisings of anger or envy, or pride, or an unwillingness to obey God, which are some traits of the carnal mind don't be discouraged. Just be glad you are justified and that you have access to the deeper and more abundant life. Continue in prayer, Ask and ye shall receive. Make a definite consecration. Lay all on the altar. (Jesus is our 'Altar'). As

you do your part, trust God for the blessing,—Cleansing and Empowerment. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Praise His name! We can prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. An experience that fully satisfies, and then we can grow in grace, and perfect holiness, add the beautiful graces mentioned in II Peter 1: 6, 7. We can then sing that 38th hymn in our hymnal. "I

have learned the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord." The words of the Psalmist are so precious to me of late. Psalm 25: 14 "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him."

Wellandport, Ont., Can.

"Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

What a world of joy and comfort the blessed promises of God give to the Christian heart. No wonder that the apostle Peter calls them precious, for nothing else on this earth can be compared to them in value. A promise is an assurance given by one having the ability to fulfill it, that it shall be done without fail, and can be relied on as sure.

Men sometimes break their promises because they are unable to foresee all of the circumstances connected with them, and so cannot fulfill them, and some, through selfish motives, expecting to gain thereby.

God's promises are all sure and shall certainly come to pass, for He sees all that is involved in them, and no unforeseen accident can cause their failure.

Some of them may seemingly be a long time unfolding, but they are none the less sure. Some one has said that more than thirty thousand of these golden stars of promise gleam from the sacred word of God. Brighter than glowing suns at meridian splendor their glory shines forth with a divine luster for man's encouragement, help and comfort. What a rich treasure-house of heavenly grace, from which to receive supplies for all of our temporal and spiritual necessities.

It ill becomes Christians to go through this life complaining of their low state in spiritual things, when God has left on record for them such precious promises of divine assistance, if they will only be faithful; for all of the promises of God, or nearly all, are conditional.

and faith alone can claim their fulfillment.

Why should the dear Lord bestow His precious gifts on those who will not accept or appreciate them? But for those who believe and will receive them, there are endless blessings for them now, and the glorious promise of eternal joy and glory in the home of the blessed. — What a dark, gloomy world this would be, were there no promise of something better farther on beyond the confines of this life. Just imagine, if you can, the deplorable and hopeless condition of the human family, if there were no glowing stars of promise to dispel the deep night shadows of life, by the radiant light of God's grace and love. — Blot out the natural sun in the mid-day sky and we behold in a small degree in type the terrible disastrous results which would follow, were all of the promises taken from the blessed word of God. How brightly shines forth the love of the Father for fallen humanity in the love tokens that He has given us.

Men sometimes doubt the divine goodness and care, for and over them, and yet from the dawn of creation down to the present time, both sacred and profane history have recorded the fact that all human events have been directed by an unerring hand, for the good and welfare of mankind. God is in the world still fulfilling His promises made unto the fathers; He never forgets, nor is He slack concerning them; for in due time all shall come to pass.

The blessed assurance of the divine presence to the Christian, should be a grand incentive in helping him to live a holy loving life of faith for the blessed Master.

His glorious presence is promised to all of the true followers of the Lord Jesus.

How cheering to us the blessed promises are; to know that there is a loving One watching over us, to guide and sustain us amid life's trials and conflicts, that we fail not.

How precious and comforting to the weary pilgrim along the way, as he reads the sacred words of promise.

Without them earth would be a dreary desert, a land of clouds, with no golden light from the bright home-land beyond the skies.

Blessed promises. We desire to live so that we may claim them as ours, believe and cherish them for the joy, comfort and peace they bring us and the all-loving One who made them.

Pryor, Okla.

GOD'S WORD IS SURE.

By W. H. ENGLER.

If there is anything the sincere heart desires it is assurance. We like to know the thing is true, as a basis upon which we may stand. This is true in earthly affairs; it is even so in spiritual truth. We want to know the truth upon which our future depends. This knowledge is afforded us in the Bible. It abounds with promise after promise, declaring that God's word is sure. It stands as a mighty fortress for human faith.

God sets forth in His word not only the certainty of His word which has been fulfilled, but also another fact, viz: that which He has said with reference to the future is just as certain "It shall come to pass." Thus we are permitted to have the assur-

ance based upon things that we know are true. For instance the things of God which we have already found to be true are used to give us the faith in the certainty of the things which He has spoken as yet to come to pass. So we are permitted to enjoy a growing foundation upon which our faith may rest. If His promises which are past were made good, why may we not believe that those which are yet to come shall also be made good?

God's promises are two-fold in their character. His promises are for good to the faithful, and correction to the unfaithful. God makes His word sure by visiting the wrongdoers with punishment. Jerusalem was the head quarters for His people, but when they went wrong, He visited them in a way to bring them to see what going wrong meant to them. Israel had sinned in transgressing the laws of God, and He laid His hand heavily upon Jerusalem.

By thus striking the chief city of His people first, He made them to realize the more quickly the evil of their ways. It is just as true of us. If we go into sin we must pay for it, and even this is a mercy since it is designed to call our attention to the wrong and then to impress us with the wisdom of turning away from the wrong, yea with the necessity of forsaking our sins if we would be happy with the Lord, and without Him there is no happiness to any human being. His indwelling presence is a necessity for the heart that would have peace and life in its fullness.

God's promises are sure, but to get the benefit of these we must ourselves stand true to their instruction honoring God with our faithfulness.

This is comforting to him who is trusting God's word and leaning upon the everlasting arms. We may rest easy because the word of the Lord promises, and that Word cannot fail. It has been tried and never known to fail. This is a sure rock of defense—here we rest under the shadows of His presence.

Another important fact for your life and mine is, God's word is made effective to us by faith, that its blessings may be ours by grace. And all this that there may be no failure in the promises of God but sure to all the children of men who exercise this faith. Of course if we refuse to exercise faith, we are like a drowning man who refuses to accept the rope that is thrown to him.

What a marvelous array of God's thought is given to us for our comfort, to assure us of the certainty of victory over all the enemies of the Divine life through Jesus Christ!

The poet expresses this thought when he says:—

**"Though dark be the way,
Since He is my guide,
'Tis mine to obey,
'Tis His to provide."**

**"Though cistern be broken.
And creatures all fail,
The word He has spoken
Shall surely prevail."**

Union Bridge, Md.

He says He will abundantly pardon,
Then we our hearts should never harden;
He never will to us say nay,
If we for this do only pray:
So let us ask forgiveness quick
And ask before we're very sick.
In sickness folks are oft deprived
The chance on which they have relied.

Luru Baker.

WATCHMAN! WHAT OF THE NIGHT IN ARMENIA?

Beneath the upper and the nether millstone of this gigantic war, this death grapple of Nations, this maelstrom of world-strife, there is a race left to be crushed! Across the heart of a death-stricken world, off from the Bible Lands, come the inarticulate cries of two million exiled, destitute, tormented, Armenians, whose deepening tragedy beneath the scourge of Turkish Tyranny—dominated by the Chauvenistic hatred of an apparently civilized, apparently modern, apparently Christian Nation, has become a burning fire in our soul shut up within our very bones; so that we cannot refrain from sounding the seething, sorrowing, and the voiceless anguish of the moaning mass to the ears of the Christian people of America. It is not merely an abortive outbreak, but a calculated political measure, a relentless, efficient, mathematical precision for the extermination of the most ancient race of Christendom, who had the largest and most significant share in the transmission of the word of God, and Christian tradition, and the Oracles of the Church down throughout the long and scarlet centuries.

Four hundred thousand or more orphans are homeless, unthinkable destitute in Bible Lands who with prospects of starvation on their horizon, find but one Ray of light in the leaden sky which darkens the world—and that is America. If help is not sent soon the weapon of this winter will leave no one to be helped.

For twenty-five hundred years the Armenians—this memorable race have had their home, their Bethel in the eternal arms of the Mediterranean and the Caspian seas and the Persian Gulf in Western Asia—the Asia Minor—the

lighthouse of the world, the Abby Minister of the Gospel and the Waterloo of Christian religion, which was centered around the Cross, the Halcyon of all the religious forces. These Bible Lands, the gallery of martyred heroes, which once embraced the sacred sanctuaries and the homes of the devotees of the Cross is now transformed into a mere graveyard, the very picture of the Valley of bones! Under the beastial oppression of the bloody Monster—the Turk, the Tiger of the arena of horror every home has taken the place of Calvary, while the land is nothing but an area of human skulls, whose circumference is as scarlet and the diameter is red like crimson by the blood of the martyrs who go to fill the City of God! Here you witness the starving bodies, stunned minds, shattered nerves, bruised hearts, helpless women and innocent children, with loneliness, pain and terror and uncertainty and hunger and cruelty awaiting the long craved deliverance, either through trans-atlantic charity or be left in the cold grip of death.

A returned missionary tells of passing through a village whose houses were all deserted, with the exception of one little cottage, in whose doorway sat a tiny girl. The child had the face of an old woman as she rocked back and forth droning "I'm hungry, I'm hungry!" Oh, multiply this with thousands and then added to myriads upon myriads and behold a mathematics of the plight of children—a maddening grief and pain, and the thunder of the refrain of hunger is as relentless and formidable as the hymn of Truth.

What I have seen and heard passes all imagination. I thought I was passing through a part of hell. They arrive by the thousands, the majority leave their bones here; as far as the eye can reach are to be seen mounds where 200 to 300

corpses are buried in the ground, pell-mell. Pick out at random any town or village in Turkish Armenia and you put your finger on a little world of horror and grief. These are the verdicts of an eye witness.

Mrs. R. S. Emrick, a returned missionary, and an eye witness relates the following about an Armenian child, which was almost starved and asked for a piece of bread. And when the missionary gave her a plate of soup, she would not take it, but insisted on the bread, and when it was given to her she kissed it and put it under the pillow of her shabby cot and went happily to sleep, saying: "Now, I can look at the bread every morning when I wake up and feel that the food is near."

Mr. Abram I. Elkus, Ambassador to Turkish Court, recounts in brief but dramatic form, some of the horrors which made infamous the name of the Turk and her Christian ally. He says, he counted within an hour after the refugees had been sent on their way by the Turks, the bodies of 800 nude women, each with a bayonet wound in her body, lying in the fields surrounding the city. The diplomat told of the haunting specter of hunger that followed him about the streets of Constantinople. The hunger that manifested itself in the life, weary tones of a woman's voice, the hunger that expressed itself in a pinched face and emaciated body; the hunger that cried for relief through the eyes of little children, who look and look and look until one is well nigh dazed with the mute agony of it all.

Hearken to the album of a German who died in Turkey near our own beloved birth place! ...In an Armenian School at Marash I saw over 100 women and children with bullet wounds in their necks and their arms and with all sorts of mu-

tilation; among them were children from 1 to 2 years old. The 24 who were shot were tied together with a heavy chain that went around their necks and were made to stand up together in one mass. They were shot in the presence of the Mohammedan population. With my own eyes I saw the bodies, while still convulsed by the agonies of death, being abandoned to the license of the wild civilian and during the next half hour the policemen and gendarmes shot continuously with revolvers on these corpses, some of which were terribly disfigured, while the population looked on with amusement. Afterwards, the same people marched up and down in front of a German Hospital and shouted "Yashasin Almanyn" (Long Live Germany). Again and again I have been told by Mohammedans that it was Germany which caused the Armenians to be extirpated in this way. Oh! what a crime to that cruel Autocracy which has triumphed over the better instincts and compelled this method of torture and this catalogue of extermination that leaves no room for imagination—a bestial savagery that is despised by hell itself!

Oh, you Christian Armenian exiles,

Tortured by the cruel Turk;

Are there none to plead your cause,

Shall all men this duty shirk?

Thousands driven out like cattle,

Tortured, dying, in distress,

For the wrongs that you have suffered,

Are there none to seek redress?

These facts, just a few, gathered from a vast accumulation of them fast piling up beyond count of staggering comprehension moves the world too little. In the mad whirl of events we are overlooking something quite as ill-omened and much more awful even than this world-wide-strife. The assassination of Armenia is the most colossal crime in the

world's history, but thank God that He does not look down unmoved upon such a people's death. The day of reckoning is dawning, and when the judgment undiluted will be meted those who are responsible for this unrelenting crime, so will rebuke be the portion of those who withheld their hands and gave nothing to the starving Armenians.

Armenia, though she has suffered the loss of all things, suffering for no fault of her own, but because God in His infinite wisdom and providence has cast her lot in a land where no Christian power was able to protect, and because, forsooth, they would not remove the Lord Jesus Christ from their altars and put Mohammed there instead. Behold, these are the people, the remnant of the martyred race stretch out their mangled arms and tie their hopes to the Christian people in America for their daily bread.

It is before this immeasurable heritage of human suffering which has eclipsed all the tragedy of the world's history by the relentless, efficient, mathematical precision of the present Turkish Government in the annihilation of our own blood and race and in submission to the powerless messages of such silent graveyards, that we are thus compelled both by God and our own conscience to do the utmost within our power to relieve some at least from this pang of death.

To this end, therefore, we want to express our profoundest appreciation and deepest gratitude added to the pathetic gratitude of the starving Armenians, and acknowledge our humble indebtedness thru this report to one and all who have stood by us with their inter-cessions and repeated contributions in the name of the dying Armenia.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Sr. Ella M. Grosh,	2.00
Sr. Sue M. Grosh,	2.00
Sr. Wolgemuth,	1.00
Bro. E. M. Engle, Junior,	.10
Jap. Nazarene Miss., Mrs. Russling,	5.00
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EXPENDITURES.

Forwarded through Armenian and Syrian Relief Com.,	623.39
Postage & Stationery,	19.54
Printing literature for the cause,	97.25
Stereopticon outfit,	39.50
Traveling, etc.,	30.06

Total Expenses, \$809.74

We are now on our way to Oregon and we would ask all God's children to pray for us and forward all correspondence to 536-58 So. Hope St., Los Angeles, Cal.

M. P. Krikorian.

S. C. Krikorian.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 12, 1918.

When, in his Egyptian campaign, Napoleon was leading his troops through the neighborhood of the Pyramids, he pointed to those hoary remnants of a great antiquity, and said: "Soldiers, forty centuries look down on you." Similarly there have been summoned before our thought the good and great, the martyrs, confessors, prophets and kings of the past.—Selected.

NEWS OF CHURCH ACTIVITY in the HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS

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R. India.

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Eld. Jesse and Sr. Malinda Eyster Na-
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I. O. and Alice Lehman, Hamlin, Kans.

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charge of Geo. E. and Effie Whisler.

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in charge of Eld. Wilbur Snider & wife.

Mt. Carmel Home, Morrison, Ill., in
charge of Sr. Katie Bollinger, and Har-
vey W. and Elizabeth Hoke.

SAN FRANCISCO MISSION.

"Many are the afflictions of the right-
eous but the Lord delivereth them out of
them all." Praise God, we can say that
the above scripture is being proven out
in our lives right along as we follow
Him. Our hearts overflow as we look
back over this past year and remember
the goodness of the Lord. Especially
are we thankful for the privilege we
have had, to have a little share in the
spreading of the glorious gospel of the
Son of God. And in this, you, dear
readers, have also had a share, for many
of you have given of your prayers and
means, for the furtherance of the work,
thus holding up the hands of those who
are actively engaged in the work.

We thank God that our needs have all
been supplied, both spiritual and tem-
poral, and our faith reaches up in con-
fidence for a continuance of His bless-
ings. We do most certainly feel our
unworthiness, but the richness of the
promises of our God encourage us to
press on and to trust Him.

The past month we have rejoiced in
seeing several precious souls praying
their way to God. One is an elderly
man who has been coming to the meeting
for a long time as a backslider. Now
his face shines as he tells how the Lord
has saved him from sin.

Another was a Catholic who for some
years had neglected his religion, and did
not care to go back to the "mother
church," but was hungry for real salva-
tion. He did not know how to pray ex-
cept out of the prayer book, but when
shown the way, he so simply took it,
and believed God, and the work was
done. How beautiful is the light that
breaks out on the face of a newly saved
child of God!

We thank all who so lovingly have
given their means to the work, and

crave a continued interest in your prayers.

FINANCIAL.

Report for December, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

Bro. Demas Penaflor, San Francisco, \$23.93; hall offerings, \$47.79. Total, \$71.72.

EXPENSES.

Table supplies, \$21.19; carfare, \$9.30; home incidentals, \$4.13; gas, \$3.30; house rent, \$18; hall rent, \$30; hall ex. light etc., \$7.26; poor, \$1. Total, \$94.18.

Bal Dec. 1, 1917, \$40.30.

Bal. Jan. 1, 1918, \$17.84.

Yours in Him,

Elizabeth Winger and Workers.

PHILADELPHIA MISSION.

We come to you with our last report for the this year 1917. We look back over the year now past and see the wonderful changes that have taken place, and the awful condition of today, our boys sacrificing their lives on account of sin. We also see the unrest in the business world of today, and not only the business world, but also the religious world, people are running to and fro scarcely knowing where they are at, some saying Lo here is Christ, and some, Lo there is Christ.

Our city is called the City of Churches and Brotherly Love, but when we look around and see those that seemed to be men of God and preached the word are falling away in sin; churches are dividing, new ones starting, surely we are in perilous times.

But as we see these things coming, it only gives us more of a longing in our soul to go home to glory; sometimes I

really get home-sick. But how it comforts our hearts that Jesus said He would come again. "Let not your hearts be troubled" (John 14: 1-3).

"The burdens of life may be many; The frowns of the world may be cold, But to me it will matter but little, When I stand on the streets of gold," This will be true of the saints of God, but just think of the awful crowd of lost souls, eternally lost. As we come in touch with the people, there seems to be a spirit of indifference. I believe Satan realizes his time is short and he is pressing the powers of darkness upon the people that they are being blinded and their hearts are hardened. There may be some that God has given over to believe a lie and be damned because they believe not the truth.

This is the time of the year when many new resolutions are made which are good as far as they go, but how many of them are broken because we lean upon the arm of flesh. Thus saith the Lord; "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." I would to God that we might all say, from the depth of our soul, with the apostle Paul, "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." I praise God this can be our experience as well as Paul's.

Our motto for the coming year will be; God first, with all it may mean. We can say with the hymn,

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved,
With His own precious blood."

Bish. O. B. Ulery of Springfield, O., was with us for three weeks giving us the word as the Lord laid it upon his heart, preaching twenty-four heart-searching sermons. Sin was located. Three prayed their way through to God, and were saved: others got definite help from the Lord, and renewed their covenant to follow all the way; but sad to say there were those that refused to walk in the light and obey God.

I am sure we appreciate his labor of love with us in the interest of souls, for our hearts were much encouraged to press the battle on.

Bro. and Sr. Wise from Springfield, O., were with us through the meeting and we were glad for their help in prayer and testimony of victory in Jesus. It always does our hearts good to have the brothers and sisters call to to see us, especially those that have never come in contact with city work. I am sure when you go back to your quiet country home you feel more like praying for those that are called to mission work and realize the needs of these poor unfortunate children with drunken parents, scarcely any clothing to wear or food to eat, all the result of sin.

I am sure we feel to thank the brother and sister for their liberal support of the work here with money and clothing. We could give out more but we feel that God holds us responsible for how we use what is entrusted to our care. So we want to do that which will glorify Him. Our aim is not only to clothe and feed, but by so doing their souls may be saved for His glory.

You will notice this report is for November and December both. Our meeting was in progress and we were quite busy and did not get the November report sent in. I hope you will bear with me this time.

We feel to thank the dear ones who were so kind in remembering us with the present of a thirteen and one fourth pound turkey. It came from a brother in Elizabethtown, and a duck from my elder brother of near Mt. Joy, also, a chicken from some one, Mt. Joy. We appreciate these gifts of love from our loved ones. But let us ever remember the gift heaven gave and what it means for us to receive it, eternal joy.

FINANCIAL.

Report for November 1917,
Bal. on hand, Nov. 1, \$16.00.

RECEIPTS.

Bro. Ikerman, \$10; Bro. Wenger, \$5; Bro. Burkholder, \$5; Sister, Orange, N. J., \$2; Bro. Martin, \$2; Bro. Kreider, \$2; Sr. Light, \$2.25; In Jesus' name, Phila., \$5; Masterson S. S., \$20; Bro. P. Heisey and wife, \$7; Bro. Clarence Heisey, \$10; Sr. Sallie Wenger, Cleona, \$5; Sr. Odgers, Phila., \$5; Sunday evening offerings, \$4.01. Total, \$100.26.

EXPENDITURES.

Kitchen account, \$34.49; shoes, clothing, etc., \$16.16; Testaments and printed matter, \$6.90; gas and stove repairs, \$7.50; incidentals, \$2.50. Total, \$68.55.

Bal. on hand, Dec. 1, 1917, \$31.71.

RECEIPTS.

A brother, Elizabethtown, \$25; Bro. McBeth, Springfield, O., \$10; Sr. Saunders, Springfield, O., \$5; A brother, Souderton, \$1; Bro. and Sr. Ladv, \$2.50; Bro. Landis, Phila., \$5; Bro. D. A. Myers, Springfield, O., \$10; Grantham S. S., \$20; Bro. Sam Basich, Cal., \$10; Sr. Ever, Rowenna, Pa., \$5; A sister, \$1; Sr. Titus, Trappe, \$2; Bro. Miller, Salona, Pa., \$25; Sunday evening offering, \$10.67. Total, \$163.88.

EXPENSES.

Kitchen acc't, \$43.50; clothing, shoes, etc., \$25.20; gas, incidentals, etc., \$15.30; Total, \$84.00.

Bal. on hand, Jan., 1, 1918, \$79.88.

OTHER DONATIONS.

Bro. and Sr. Nevins, two chickens, Sr. Landis, chicken, Rapho and Manor dists., two barrels and two boxes containing vegetables, cakes, chickens, clothing, etc., with check for seven dollars fifty cents.

We thank you all in behalf of the workers here.

"Beloved we wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth."

Wilber and Elizabeth Snider.

P. S.—Clothing or shoes will be acceptable if sent.

BUFFALO MISSION.

Report for December 1917.

Bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1917, \$42.18.

RECEIPTS.

I. H. N., \$3; E. H. Carlson, \$1; I. H. N., \$5; B. S. Herr, \$5; I. H. N., \$5; Margaret Carver, Jr., \$1; I. H. N., \$2; Bro. and Sr. Ehlers, \$5.

EXPENDITURES.

Light, \$1.61; gas, \$1.80; groceries, household and sundries, \$31.23.

Balance on hand, \$29.54.

We wish to thank all who have remembered our needs, during the past month. May heaven's blessing rest upon each giver as well as upon the gifts. Our hearts are encouraged in the Lord.

We are yours in Him,

Geo. and Effie Whisler.

MESSIAH ORPHANAGE.

By WM. H. HYKES, STEWARD.

Report for December, 1917.

Provisions and donations. Mt. Pleasant Bible Class, 22 chickens; J. R. Kuhns, for chimney and fruit, \$10; I. N. Hershey, 1 turkey, Benj. and Jacob T. Ginder, Manheim, Pa., 1 bbl. provisions, 1 crock apple butter, celery, dried apples and peas, 18 lbs. beef, 11 lbs. ham, and apples. Also 10 yds, dress goods and 4

suits underwear, A sister 1 dress Mrs. Watson, 1 sweater, 1 pr. shoes, 1 pr. rubbers, dress goods, 1 pr. slippers, Mrs. Orren, 1 sweater, 2 pr. shoes, 4 pair stockings; Mt. Joy Sewing Circle, 19 pr. underwear, Pansy Shradley 3 caps, 2 scarfs, 1 pr. gloves, Jacob Foltz 1 scarf and gloves, Mrs. Whiteman 1 pr. shoes; Mr. Sellers, 1 dress, 1 pr. shoes; Mrs. Myers, 2 sweaters; Mrs. Harper two coats, 2 dresses, stockings; Mrs. Been, 1 dress.

CASH DONATIONS.

D. M. Book, Treasurer.

Wavnesboro S. S., \$16; Bowman and Co., Harrisburg, Pa., \$25.00; Mrs. Orren, \$2; A brother, \$2; Wainfleet S. S., \$7.75; Valley Chapel S. S., Ohio, \$10.15; Sr. A. Carmichael, \$5; Barbara Kern, \$5; Mrs. Orren, \$2. Total, \$74.90.

GRANTHAM, PA.

--An encouraging and soul-inspiring series of meetings was held at the Messiah Bible School chapel, with Eld. W. J. Myers in charge beginning Sunday evening Jan. 13, continuing for two weeks. Bro. Myers was filled with the love of God, and admonished us as believers in a loving way, telling us that we should be soul-winners not only at revival meetings but all the time. He told us that a revival is not a miracle, but is wrought out through human agency.

Bro. Myers gave a few essentials for a revival:

1. Prayer is the right arm of every revival.
2. Unity of the Laity and co-operation with the Evangelist.
3. Laying aside every social engagement so that the mind is clear to really call on God in behalf of precious souls.
4. Limiting all business as much as possible during the revival period, so more time will be had for attending services, and working among the unsaved.

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UNITED ZION'S CHILDREN D'P'M'T.

Editor:—Bish. H. G. Light.

SERVICE.

While passing through cities and towns, you will see here and there a flag with a large Red Border, a White center and one, or more Blue stars in it indicating one star for each member out of the home where the flag is displayed, in service for our United States, against our enemies. There is an organization that just recently unfurled a service Flag containing 100 or more stars, while another one has gone on record as having over 3000 of its members in the U. S. service.

Can the Christian Church record, that all its members are in the service of their Master, Jesus Christ? If not; how many of the so-called Christians and members of the Church are really in service for God? giving their all for His cause.

Christ said He came not into this world to be served but to serve. No man can serve two masters (Matt. 6: 24) "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon" (Luke 16: 13).

Can we depend on you in the Master's service? Are you at your post of duty in the church in the Sunday School in the prayer meeting? Are you as the laity in the services when God's Word is proclaimed? Or are you out pleasure seeking?

Are you as preachers in the services and at your post of duty when the laity is there and hungry for manna for the soul?

Are you teacher of a class in Sunday School prepared to teach your class, or have you worked too hard during the past week, that you had no time to prepare your lesson, and that you must have

rest, so you can go again to labor hard the following week, if God spares your health and life?

Where are you on the night of prayer service? Can the Lord depend on you? Will He find you ever true? If we could see ourselves as God sees us, as regards His service I am afraid some of us would fall short. Let us, who confess of having enlisted in the army of Jesus Christ, be loyal, true, and earnestly engaged in prayer for a pure life, and the saving of souls, so when our roll is called up yonder we will be there and receive an honorable discharge for our unworthy service.

Yours in Christian love,

A Brother.

Fredericksburg, Pa.

MY NEW YEAR'S ANGELS.

It was New Year's Eve and I was lying on the couch, resting after a hard week and also making good resolutions for the coming year. The warmth from the wood fire mingled with the fragrance of heliotrope together with my excessive weariness made me drowsy and presently I slept.

Suddenly I saw beside me two angels in soft white robes. They carried between them a pair of golden scales. I gazed up into their beautiful shining faces, and trembled as I looked, I knew not why.

"Fear not," said the elder of the two, "we will be loving as well as just," then turning to his companion he said in a low voice: "We will weigh his faults first."

I shuddered for I knew their enormity. The low voice continued and I listened

breathless. "Vani-glory, false pride, a quick temper, narrow-mindedness, b. t. terness, covetousness," but here the voice broke and I was startled to see tears in the angel's eyes a pained look on the lovely face. I never realized before the grief of the angels in heaven when I sin. I opened my lips to say how sorry I was, but a gentle hand motioned me to silence and the voice went on, "Anger."

I bowed my head, but the younger of the two interrupted with, "She has virtues, let me name them and place them in the scales."

"Very well," returned the first angel.

"Generosity, a tender heart, a willingness to help in any way those who are in trouble or sorrow and," here the angel paused.

"Can you not think of other virtues?" asked the elder angel.

"No," softly and sadly replied the younger.

The golden scales were lovingly held before me and I could only cry as I raised my eyes and looked above and beyond the angels to my Father in heaven,

"Please, dear Lord do not weigh my merits, but pardon my offences for Christ's sake, Amen."

I awoke.

—Selected by sister Christle E. Bickler, Fredericksburg, Pa.

For all Thy truth stamped high in heaven,

Great God! we bow with hearts sincere;

But these proclaim no sins forgiven

Nor can remove our guilty fear.

That there is Gospel in the stars

I doubt not—but I long to see

That Gospel with the nail-pierced scars

Which tell of Him who died for me.

Here lies my hope; in Him I rest

Though heaven and earth alike depart.

I pillow me upon His breast

And wrap His Gospel round my heart.

—Selected.

MARRIAGES.

MARTIN.—ZWALLEY.—On Christmas morning, Dec. 25, 1917, at the home of the officiating minister Bish. H. G. Light, Bro. Wesley P. Martin, son of Bish. Jos. H. and Sr. Sarah Martin of Ephrata, Pa., and Sr. Mamie, daughter of Bro. Harry and Sr. Katie Zwalley of Akron, Pa., were united in holy matrimony.

ZWALLEY.—METZLER.—On New Years morning, January 1, 1918, at the residence of the officiating minister, Bish. H. G. Light, Bro. Quinter F. Zwalley, son of Bro. and Sr. Hary Zwalley of Akron, Pa., and Sr. Mabel H. Metzler, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Metzler of Litiz, Pa., were united in marriage.

LIGHT.—MILLER.—At the home of the bride's grand-father, Fredericksburg, Pa., on Dec. 29, 1917, Iren S. Light, son of Harry W. Light, of near Jonestown, Pa., and Sr. Luella Miller, of Fredericksburg, Pa., were united in marriage by Eld. John H. Bicksler.

FROM THE OUTGOING MISSIONARIES.

New Orleans, Jan. 1, 1918.

To the dear readers of the Visitor, and church in general. This beautiful New Year's morning we greet you from this Southern seaport, which is the largest river harbor in the world. After leaving Harrisburg early Saturday morning we arrived at this place, at 1 A. M.

We found travelling very much congested everywhere. Had considerable waiting to do. At this time our minds go back again over the time which we have spent here at home, with friends and relatives, and also forming new acquaintances.

Truly we appreciated this privilege and wish to thank all the dear ones whom we met, and who ministered unto us in various ways.

We have been out to the British Consulate and had our passports vised and (Concluded on next page.)

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GRANTHAM, PA., JANUARY 28, 1918.

FROM THE OUTGOING MISSIONARIES.

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are waiting for the time to sail. The load—waiting for the time to sail. The loading of the vessel is somewhat prolonged, because of the scarcity of labor, hence we will be delayed here longer than we had expected. We are staying at a rooming house, and take our meals at a restaurant.

New Orleans is about 300 years old, and has a population of 375,000, mostly French people. The city is dominated by Catholics.

Jan. 7, Monday. The latest we can give you as regards sailing is, we have instructions to board the ship at 3 P. M. to-day.

We again thank all the dear ones for their prayers and help, and we ask your prayers while we are on our long journey, that we may get thru safely.

Good-bye, yours in Him,

Lewis and Elizabeth Steckley.

MARRIAGES

HESS.—ZOOK.—On January 1, 1918, Bish. John D. Wingert officiating, at his home, there occurred the marriage of Laban Hess of Duffield, Pa., and Mary E. Zook of near Chambersburg, Pa.

ZOOK.—KNOLL.—On Dec. 25, 1917, at the home of the officiating minister, Bish. Martin H. Oberholser there occurred the marriage of Bro. Arthur C. Zook and Anna May Knoll both of Chambersburg, Pa.

MUSSER.—GAYMAN.—At the home of the bride's parents Bro. and Sr. Alfred Gayman, on Jan. 15, 1918, their daughter Nannie was united in marriage to Clarence A. Musser son of Joseph L. Musser all of Chambersburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Bish. Martin H. Oberholser.

ENGLE.—GROVE.—On the evening of December 27, 1917, at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Grove, near Abilene, Kans., there occurred the marriage of Frank W. Engle, son of Bish. M. G. Engle, and Helen F. Grove, the father of the groom officiating.

WINGER.—SHOFFNER.—On Dec. 12, 1917, at the home of the officiating minister Eld. N. Michael, there occurred the marriage of Sr. Margaret Shoffner of Sherkston, Ont., formerly of Pennsylvania, to Bro. Norman A. Winger, son of Bro. and Sr. Ellis Winger of Stevensville, Ont.

OBITUARY

HAULSHAUR.—Sister Mary Haulshaur, widow of brother Jacob Haulshaur, was called home December 10, 1917, in the eighty-eighth year of her age. One sister, Miss Annie Hess of Conestoga Center, is the only remaining sister, and Samuel Hess of Strasburg the only brother living. Sister Haulshaur was associated with the body of Christ for many years, and to the best of your

correspondent's knowledge, never made any disturbance in the body. She was a lover of home and did her duty as a mother to raise her children in the fear of God. Although a widow for many years and feeble in body she sat alone in her room, but her testimony was, Alone but not alone, as she knew in whom she had believed and was persuaded that He was able to keep her through all her afflictions, and we believe she stood firm in the faith to the end. Funeral services Dec. 13, at New Providence Mennonite church conducted by Bish. C. N. Hostetter and Eld. N. Z. Hess.

HESS.—Mrs. Eliza Hess died December 14, 1917. Her husband, Daniel Hess preceded her to the spirit world May 18, 1916. They were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the year 1858. To this union five children were born, three sons and two daughters. Sister Hess was one of the oldest members of the Brethren in Christ denomination in the Pequea-Manor district, being associated with the body for over fifty years and was one of those open hearted mothers that had a kind word for everybody she met; always appeared to have her trust in her Christ who so many years ago accepted her as His own. Although she was in her eightyseventh year she was well preserved in mind and body until pneumonia set in and even then she still was ready to praise her God. One of her favorite hymns and the one she sang on her bed to affliction was

Oh sing to me of heaven
When I am called to die
Sing songs of holy ecstasy
To waft my soul on high.

When cold and sluggish drops
Roll off my silent brow,
Break forth in songs of joyfulness,
Let heaven begin below.

When our old pilgrim parents are called home responsibilities shift to other shoulders and others will do well to follow in her footsteps as she followed Christ.

OBERHOLSER.—Rachel Oberholser, nee Wingert, the beloved wife of Bish. Martin H. Oberholser of the North Franklin Pa. dist., was born Oct. 25, 1846, died Jan. 3, 1918, aged 71 years, 2 months and 9 days. Her illness, pneumonia, was but brief and she died in the triumphs of the faith. She was the daughter of the late bishop Aaron Wingert of the South Franklin, Pa., dist. She was identified with the church for many years, being earnest and active in filling the place in the body assigned to her as the wife of the overseer of the district, doing her work with tact and wisdom. She was indeed a "mother in Israel," a friend to old and young, and will be much missed in both the home, the church and the community. Funeral services were held at the Air Hill church on Monday, Jan. 7, conducted by Elders A. W. Wingert and Geo. Detwiler. Text II Cor. 5: 1. Interment in adjoining cemetery. The husband, Bro. Oberholser, two sons, Aaron and Martin, and one daughter, Mrs. Rosenberger of Grantham, Pa., with a number of grand children mourn their loss but do not sorrow as others who have no hope.

BOWMAN.—Sr. Susan Bowman relict of the late Henry Bowman of little Washington, Pa., was born Feb. 24, 1838, died Jan. 6, 1918, aged 79 years 10 months and 12 days. Her husband, Bro. Bowman preceded her to the beyond a number of years ago. She was a beloved sister and mother but was an invalid for quite a number of years being unable to walk. She had her home with her daughter, Sadie Pepper until death took her away. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. John B. Neisley, and the home brethren, Wm. Asper and S. Z. Bert. Text Isa. 64: 4. Interment in the family burying ground.

As Rowland Taylor was walking to the stake he looked across the fields at Hadleigh and joyfully exclaimed, "Only two stiles more and I am at my Father's House."

GRANTHAM, PA.

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5. Faith. It requires a large amount of faith in Jesus to win souls into the kingdom of God.

6. Earnestness. We must be earnest and lay aside all indifference.

7. Love. Love is the melting power and the crowning grace.

8. Personal Work. To have face to face talks with sinners about the salvation of their souls is a great help in revival efforts.

Bro. Myers in his loving way plead with the unsatisfied believers to come and get the satisfying portion which is found in Christ alone, and with sinners to repent and believe on Christ and take Him for their Savior. Quite a number came to the altar of prayer and received help from God, some in forgiveness of sins and others consecrated their lives to Him, receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit as evidenced in shouting, laughing and weeping which indeed was glorious. Christ is very precious indeed, and we need to be watching and praying that we do not fall into temptation.

Bro. Myers gave us many encouraging thoughts to spur us on to higher heights and deeper depths. It surely behooves us not to stop until we get to the Solid Rock and become established in Christ. We need to have our stability increased, so that we are not wavering in the service of the Master, and be a stumbling block to the unsaved. My prayer is that we as a band may continually be on the rigid foundation that never shakes, where we need never fear and tremble when the adversary assails us, knowing that Christ is the stronger and is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day.

I will give a few thoughts that were dropped by our brother:

God does not force anyone into His service, but places right and wrong before each person and leaves us decide for ourself. God will hear the cry of a true penitent. Sin severs us from the society of God and His angels. There is no need for us to be condemned for there is a way out. We cannot continue in sin and expect to enjoy eternity. An individual must first realize that he is lost before Jesus will help him. It was our sins that sent Christ to the cross. We need continual faith in Christ to outride the storms of life in safety. Those that go out of this world without Christ are eternally lost. -- Jesus has His representatives here to tell sinners of His love. We should help to gather with Christ those souls that are not garnered into His fold. If we are not gathering with Christ we scatter. If we are true to God we will rejoice in the Christ of our salvation amid all the pleasures that the world could offer, and sink deeper into the love of Christ. Our bodies are the members of Christ and the temples of the Holy Ghost. All sin and dross must be removed before the Holy Spirit will take possession. Christ the one that paid the price had all the joy, happiness, and glory that He wanted, still He came to be despised of men and die for mankind. When Jesus was here on earth He had no other thought but to do the will of His Father. Since He is our example we should follow Him in this and seek to know the will of God. Our hearts should be so filled with the love of God that our sympathies go out for the unsaved. We have no time to spend in selfish living, but we should be so filled with the love of Christ that we smile for Him wherever we go. In Christ is found the all-sufficient portion.

On the afternoon of Jan. 27, Bro. and Sr. Amos Dick were ordained as Foreign

Mission Workers, We hope God will use them in His service, to bring the gospel to the heathen. Let us remember them at a throne of grace that they will be submissive and passive in the hands of God.

Dear readers let us run with patience the race that is set before us, having our eyes fixed upon Jesus, who is able to keep us from falling. We need to thoroughly search the Bible to know what our part is in God's service since it is the mind of God.

We as a small band need the prayers of God's children to be at our best for Him and shine in this corner of His great vineyard.

Yours in the service of the Master.
Correspondent.

AIR HILL, N. FRANKLIN, PA.

The series of meetings held at Air Hill in charge of Eld. Henry O. Musser of Elizabethtown opened Dec. 1, and continued three weeks. Twenty-nine souls yielded to the Spirit's call. Our prayer is that they may become true and faithful. The meeting was well attended considering the weather. Bro. Musser's labors were much appreciated. May God bless him for his earnest labor.

MT. PLEASANT, RAPHO DIST., PA.

The series of meetings held at Mt. Pleasant, Rapho dist., Pa., in charge of Eld. Jacob Heisey of Manor dist., Pa., opened Jan. 5, and continued to the 15th. Considering the cold weather and icy roads the meetings were well attended. Bro. Heisey's labors were much appreciated. He held forth the word in its purity; saints were encouraged and sinners were convicted but failed to re-

spond. May God bless our brother, and may the seed of truth thus sown spring up and bring forth fruit unto everlasting life is our prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Jos. K. Gish.

DALLAS CENTER, IA.

A revival meeting, beginning Dec. 21, 1917, and closing Jan. 8, 1918, was held at Dallas Center, Iowa, conducted by Bish. J. A. Stump of New Paris, Ind. He was assisted by Sr. Grace Miller of Morrison, Ill., who was a power in prayer. testimony and song, and later Bro. and Sr. Archie McCulloh, also of Morrison, Ill., came to conduct the song service and proved a great help in prayer and testimony.

Bro. Stump came filled with the Spirit and gave the word with power. Believers were made to see their need of a deeper work and sought for it while several souls made a start. May God bless Bro. Stump for his labors.

W. C. Deemy, Cor.

ROSEBANK, KANSAS.

A continued meeting was begun on New Years eve by Eld. Lafayette Shoalts of Canada.

The brother came filled with the Spirit, and fearlessly declared the Word. We are glad to report the Spirit's presence was manifested, and we had a refreshing season together. Believers were edified, and some sanctified. Many testified to having received new light and inspiration. Conviction seized the unsaved, and a number accepted Christ. The meetings continued nearly three weeks. Afternoon meetings were held during the two last weeks of the meeting, and were a great blessing to all who attend-

ed. Nine of the converts were received in church fellowship and baptized by Bishop Engle on the last Sunday of the meeting. Others will be baptized later. Eld. Shoalts has our united prayers and sympathy following him. To the Christ be all the praise for what has been done, and will you pray that we may all be true and faithful till He comes?

Cor.

MORRISON, ILL.

On Sunday, December 2, a series of meetings commenced at the Independence School House, where meetings are regularly held for the Union Grove congregation of Illinois. These meetings were conducted by the blind evangelist, H. H. Menagh of Des Moines, Iowa. The preaching was according to that spoken of in I Cor. 2: 4. The meeting continued for three weeks closing Sunday evening Dec. 23.

Bishop J. A. Stump of Indiana stopped with us on his way west remaining ten days assisting Bro. Menagh. His help was much appreciated.

While the attendance was not as large as we hoped to see it owing to the fact that the season was very backward which delayed the gathering of the corn crop which under ordinary conditions would have been out of the way at the time the meetings began while this year much was in the field yet at that time thus making the farmers very busy. And besides the weather was very cold much of the time.

The meetings resulted in bringing encouragement and definite help to believers, and thirteen souls coming forward and sought for the pardon of their sins and found peace. May we all pray that these precious souls may not stop short

of the real cleansing and infilling of the Spirit, since anything short of this will mean a settling down in a cold formal state; or a drifting back into sin which we fear one precious soul has already done.

We ask the prayers of all God's people that we may be able to deal out the pure word to these souls in a way that they may grow hereby.

Yours in His service,

Wm. E. McCulloh.

ZION, KANSAS.

On Dec. 2, began a series of meetings at the Zion M. H. which lasted until Dec. 26, with Eld. Isaac O. Lehman in charge. The word of God was preached in spirit and in power and believe much seed was sown the fruitage of which eternity only will reveal. We are glad that a number sought the Lord and received help. May the Lord continue to reveal Himself to them.

O, how necessary it is to get right with God NOW for the signs of the times point to the Lord's soon return.

Yours in the Master's service,

Lawrence M. Frey.

HIGHLAND, OHIO.

Dear editor:—

As has been our custom, we wish again to give an account of our series of meetings in the columns of the Visitor.

The meetings began at the Highland meetinghouse, near West Milton, O., on Dec. 2. Our dear brother, J. R. Eyster, came among us again and fearlessly declared the counsel of God as revealed in the word. The first week the weather and roads were good, and the interest fair; the second week, however, a heavy snow fell, and drifted the roads shut, and

because of the severity of the weather, the meetings were postponed a few nights, continued again with light attendance until toward the close of the third week the interest again was good until the close of the meeting on Dec. 23.

Truly, it was a season of refreshing, quite a number of believers, received definite help, and a fresh touch from God, in the healing of their bodies, and the forgiveness of backslidings after thoroughly repenting and confessing the same.

God's presence was also manifest in His sanctifying and cleansing power. Some received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to His promise, and in answer to definite, earnest prayer. -----

Surely in these last and serious days it is a blessed privilege that we have to meet with those of "like precious faith," and unite our prayers, and really ask for special prayers, in behalf of our own needs, and even tarry at the altar of prayer and seek the Lord although it may go past meal time, and past the time to feed the live stock at home. Or if it seems like it is going to take until the people begin to gather in to the evening service, tarry, I say, and call upon God until He gives us a knowledge of sins forgiven, and of backslidings forgiven, and of disobedience and stubbornness and rebellion. (which is iniquity and idolatry, I Sam. 15: 23,) forgiven, and a knowledge of the deeds of the body, mortified (Rom. 8: 13), and a knowledge of our consecration complete, (which is our part of sanctification) and a knowledge of our hearts cleansed, (God's part of sanctification) (I John 1: 9).

Then we can have the promise of the Father the Gift of the Holy Ghost, by simply asking, (Luke 11: 13).

Hallelujah to God for the complete plan of salvation, which means victory now and forever.

No doubt many of God's professed people have a bigger "old man" hanging fast to them and hindering their service to Christ, than they are really aware of, until they let God turn the great searchlight of divine truth on their souls. It pays to let God deal. Then there would be less middle walls of partition in the homes, and between church denominations and in our own beloved brotherhood and the unsaved gathered in.

The work is moving steadily onward at this place under the blessing of God. Homes are open for prayer meetings. We know the Lord will reward our dear brother Eyster.

I remain yours for the welfare of His cause.

Elmer Hoke.

West Milton, Ohio.

AN AFRICA LETTER.

To the Youthful Readers of the Visitor:

I thought you might be interested in a trip the writer made in company with forty-one of the girls of the Mtshabezi Mission school.

You have all heard that we are building a new church, and that the school is taught in this same building because there is no other place to do it. The missionary is too busy to build any extra building, and then, too, it takes money.

Our old church is too small for school and much too small for service. The new church will be larger, but built much the same as the old one,—brick, mud, made from ant heaps, and grass for shingles. Shingles are very expensive in Africa and you would need to deny yourselves very much to send us money for these, and the grass makes a very good roof and the building is so much cooler than if the roof is made of iron.

So Tuesday of last week, bright and

early, these girls were up, tying up their mats and blankets, getting their corn meal tied up in sacks, so they could carry it on their heads: one had a nine lb. tin of pea-nut butter of which to make gravy to eat with their mush; still another had some dried meat. Others carried one twelve gallon iron kettle, and a smaller one for the gravy, knives and buckets for carrying water etc., for we were going to stay all week. I did not walk as it was farther than I can go in one day, and as a boy was going in the cart to Matopo Mission that day and would pass where we would cut grass, and the load not being too heavy he took me in. We left here just twelve o'clock. and at three o'clock we all met in the hills quite near where we would camp. As it was warm, and the girls had walked the distance of twelve miles, they sat and rested one hour, then two were chosen from among them to carry water, two more to cook, and one to gather wood. The others took their knives and went to hunt for and cut grass.

When they returned at dark and their bundles were counted, they had seventy-four. These bundles vary in size the smallest being about 28 inches around: the largest would be about three times that size. This grass the children of Oklahoma and Texas know, but I'll tell you how it grows. It is from three to six and seven feet tall, and about like your slate pencils, (not the wooden ones) and is about the color of straw. When they had a large bundle cut they brought it in and put it on a large stone. The men will haul it home in a wagon with donkeys.

In the four days they cut about 800 bundles. There was one man along with the company. He is Bro. Winger's helper: his work was to hunt out the grass, and see that every one did her share and that they put it on the rock nicely.

He had a gun and shot three deer. This supplied them with gravy three times to eat with their porridge. Meat always makes these people very happy: they do not have it often, as many of you do.

One very hot day it took so much water, and they only had two five gal. tin cans to bring it in and this would last only a short time where so many were thirsty. One night after they had had their supper they were still thirsty; they wanted more water. Some proposed to go and get some. But it was dark, and the distance to the river more than half a mile. The path was through hills and rocks and there were baboons and sometimes leopards in them. As we had a lantern with us we took it and four girls went for the water. They felt afraid and no one wanted to talk very much, but we came back safely and nothing frightened us. And then all had plenty of water to drink.

Every one was anxious to see how much grass she could cut, and none wanted to cook. So they took turns in cooking. Those cutting the least grass would cook the next day: the same way with bringing water and wood. Even then some had to cry when their turn came to cook. But it was all helping, for all wanted to eat, and some one had to do the cooking. One day I asked them if they wanted me to cook for them: with one voice they said, "No."

On Saturday morning all were up early again, preparing to come home where they arrived about four P. M., tired and foot-sore, but happy with their work well done.

Perhaps you wonder why they did not go in a wagon. We have none large enough for so many, and if they could all have got in, the donkeys could hardly have pulled the load. The government does not allow us to take the oxen

as we have no way of dipping them. Horses we do not have, and only two small mules, which are not very strong, but these girls walk farther than this in one day: some of them have never ridden in a wagon: they always have walked, since their mothers stopped carrying them on their back.

We think we have enough grass, now, for thatching the church, as the girls had cut over 300 bundles before, and the women and girls of both the Church and Inquirer's class were asked to each cut 15 bundles. Many of them have done their part nicely.

As I told you before there were forty-one girls in this party and twenty-four remained at home. So you see we have a large family. There are also about eighteen boys and men here. School closes about the middle of December: then many of them will go home.

You can each have a share in this work by praying for these, that they may learn to follow Jesus and do His will. We all crave an interest in your prayers for ourselves and the work here in Africa. There is certainly a responsibility resting upon us, that we teach and lead these precious souls to the foot of the cross of Christ. The harvest truly is great and the laborers few.

Yours in the Master's service.

Cora B. Alvis.

A LETTER TO ENCOURAGE.

Dear Bros., and Srs., and members of the Visitor family, Greetings Eph. 1: 2-4, 9, 12, 13: "Grace be to you and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. According as he hath chosen us in him be-

fore the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before him in love. Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself. That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Our dear Lord has impressed me for some time to write a letter to my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. So, prayerfully and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, I will endeavor in the fear of God to pen something that will be helpful to all, young as well as older ones. This being my first letter of the year 1918, I deem it a pleasure to address it to our beloved Brotherhood. Truly my soul is rejoicing in the love of Jesus. God has been very good to us in so many ways, in blessing far above our expectations or deservings. O the wonderful love of God to us and the world in the gift of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. To Him be glory, honor and praise through all my days. Trials and temptations that disturb and over throw the unstable person only strengthen and confirm the trust and confidence in our God. I think of our loved ones who endured faithfully under hard trials and difficult places; they enjoyed the happy privilege of proving the promises of our loving Father who hath said I will never leave you nor forsake you. He hath proved true in the sixth trial and in the seveneth He will not forsake.

Thanks be to our God, He not only saves but keeps those who fully and unreservedly trust in Jesus. Many dear ones get a bright experience, seemingly, and so soon they are robbed of it. It is

sad to see this condition so frequently. But as one will humble himself under the mighty hand of God in sincerity and honesty of heart and purpose, to be loyal to God without any reserve and by true repentance, confession and restitution of sins, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they can have an experience that will stand the tests of life from what ever angle they come.

Surely I can praise God for His blessed keeping power and for the love shed abroad in my little heart. A child naturally has to a great extent the nature of father and mother, and it is very true of the child of God that he has taken upon him the nature of his Father, or it is infused into the soul at the new birth. It is blessed to see the development in a child. What joy it brings to father and mother. We have three of these precious treasures entrusted to us. I pray we may be able to bring them up in the fear of the Lord and for His glory. The development in the child of God brings joy to our hearts and pleases God. In the natural life it is often true that children are more true and honest than are the grown or older persons. It is sad to see the same condition exist in those who name the name of Jesus. In this day of great enlightenment of divine grace in the glorious experience of divine love and sanctification we see some who claim the experience and sometimes make mistakes and do err, but it is so hard for them to see their mistake or fault, and sometimes, even sin. They will not acknowledge their wrong unless it is impossible to get out of it. This condition is contrary to the experience of a wholly sanctified person. I am in perfect harmony with the word on this important and necessary experience, and I am sure that my life will be the proof of this little vessel having the experience and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. If

it had not been for the Lord who is on our side, surely, long ago, the enemy would have had me at his command. But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

I'm so glad that Jesus is my Friend. His is a friendship that will never end. O that I could make the whole world see just what a Savior He is to me! O what He's done for me! If I tried to eternally, I never could tell all He's done for me.

When I stand with my Lord, in the land of the blest,

Where no shadow His glory can hide;
When I see for myself what shall there be revealed,

Then I know I'll be satisfied.

When mine eyes shall behold all the wonders untold,

I know I'll be satisfied.

O the glorious anticipation for the children of God! My dear brothers and sisters, may we press on and upward with true, honest loyal and trusting hearts: with an unwavering faith and a firm confidence in loving obedience to our eternal Father knowing that as we prove true to the end there shall be ministered unto us an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom. I have loved ones over there and with them the glory of our Father I want to share. Father, mother, companion, brother and sister too. With a firm trust in God the trials of this life they have passed through.

In his time of national distress to be at home with our Lord, where could mortals be more blest? Just now I think of dear, sister Catherine Kohl, of Gratersford. This loving child-like soul, enjoys sweet communion with her Lord. O that more of us would be as sweet and loving as she! In her later days of trial, she is trusting in Jesus all the while. When these passing days are o'er we'll

meet her too on the other shore. May the blessing of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be the enjoyment of all God's Israel. Let us watch and pray and be at our best every day. In your devotions to God remember us, we need your prayers that God may have His way in our lives continually.

TRUST IN GOD AND DO THE RIGHT.

"Courage, brother, do not stumble.
Though thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble
Trust in God, and do the right.

Let the road be rough and dreary,
And it's end far out of sight;
Foot it bravely! strong or weary,
Trust in God and do the right.

Perish policy and cunning!
Perish all that fears the light!
Whether losing, whether winning,
Trust in God, and do the right.

Trust no party sect, or faction;
Trust no leaders in the fight;
But in every word, and action,
Trust in God, and do the right.

Trust no lovely forms of passion;
Friends may look like angels bright;
Trust no custom, school or fashion,
Trust in God, and do the right.

Simple rule, and safest guiding
Inward peace, and inward might
Star upon our path abiding,
Trust in God, and do the right.

Some will hate thee, some will love thee.

Some will flatter, some will slight:
Cease from man, and look above thee,
Trust in God, and do the right.

Yours in Christian love,

Samuel B. Harley.

303 Western Ave, Springfield, Ohio.

TESTIMONY.

Dear readers of the Visitor:—

Greetings in Jesus' blessed name.

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19: 25). Truly this morning I praise my blessed Jesus for His matchless love, grace and power that has reached even me. When I realize how I was deceived by the people who profess to be pure and holy like Jesus, and yet they would and could do things that other people did not do. But I want to tell you, dear readers, how God in mercy and love wonderfully delivered me. When I had no faith in their teaching, I came to the place I just asked God to help me and not lose confidence in my Savior. Glory to God, He did help me in prayer. My mother's prayers also helped me very much. Now it is four years that deliverance came in my heart and life, and I can truly say since that time God's grace has been sufficient for every trial. One morning these words rang in my ears.

"The hand that was nailed to the cross
of woe,

In love reaches down to the world below;

Tis beckoning now to the souls that roam,

And pointing the way to the heavenly home.

CHORUS.

The hand of my Savior I see,
The hand that was wounded for me;
Twill lead me in love to the mansions above,

The hand that was wounded for me.'

That helped me grasp faith in Jesus and I said yes, it was for me. I could then realize God had answered my prayer. I continued looking to Him by faith, trusting Him to lead and guide me

in His own way. God truly brought I ask you to help me pray so that in me from the bondage I was in with those every test or trial I may be made more people. They taught me that only those than conqueror in the fight. who did as they did would be saved. But I have also found when we are weak I find in my Bible that He teaches us not in body the devil tries to discourage us. to judge. But they were judging people almost daily, I am sorry indeed I But Jesus says, we should never be ever met them, for it was a drawback discouraged for He is our Friend and He to my work for souls. How thankful I will be faithful to the end. If we keep am today that God's love and mercy still our eyes on Jesus, He truly is a wonderful deliverer in every test and trial of the prodigal son. life.

The devil then told me, Yes, you are My mother and I are living alone yet not fit to talk to the unsaved, and for a we are not alone for Jesus is with us few years I did not, because I thought and His Holy Spirit is our Comforter. they would not believe what I said. But Praise His dear name! Mother is 71 at last God gave me courage to come and years old yet she is real well for her age. ask the Brethren to forgive me for leaving them, also that I wished to join a few days ago I asked her to help me pray gain in Christ's body. So they have for the healing of my body also rest and been a protection to me as the bark on sleep. Praise His dear name, He gave the tree is from the storm. I am so me my rest and sleep also answered our glad that Jesus helps me day by day and prayers. I had three sleepless nights hour by hour. I cannot work as well and then I slept good about seven hours as I could one day but as Jesus knows it O, I was so strong and praised God for all I just wish to say, God's will, not His help and grace. When Jesus asked mine, be done. I am trusting God to me to write I thought I could not write heal me for His service and glory. I like others, but he said I should do as ask all who read these lines to please He bid me, so this is what I have done. pray to God to heal me, and that I may We each have a talent and let us use fill the small place He has for me. My it for God's glory or else He may take it consecration is for life. My mistakes and give it to some one else. We have and blunders have been so many I am had a three weeks meeting in our dishamed, but now and in the future I strict and God blessed the saints. Since do trust it shall not be so. But now I ners were convicted and three dear souls know that my Redeemer liveth and has were saved for which we praise God. given me a blessed hope in this life, also But we desire to see more turn and live in the eternal world. Oh for the love for Jesus. Bro. Asper was our preacher, He was filled with Gospel messages of souls and our own may we ever press er, He was filled with Gospel messages on in the strength of our Captain who and we truly pray God to bless him at never lost a battle. Praise His dear all times. His dear wife was also here name, I love Him because He first loved one week: she is a holy woman and a me and shed His blood for me. real soul winner. May she win many dear souls for Jesus.

Well, dear people, we are living in perilous times. And we are tested and We all ought to be soul winners, for tried on every hand. When we stand the word of God says, He that winneth the test we are stronger for the next. So souls is wise. I want to be wise for

Jesus. Let us be true to our calling in than all this world. It does pay to say Christ Jesus, who loved us and washed us in His own precious blood and redeemed us by His grace and made us "kings and priests unto God and the Father by him," for the crowning day is soon coming and if we are ready with our lamps all trimmed and burning and our vessels filled with oil it will be well with us.

But for our sinner friend; how about your soul. What will you do in that day? What will your answer be? This life is very short. But eternity is forever and ever. It will be blessed to spend it with Jesus but on the other side death is eternal, no end to suffering the remorse of conscience. Will you not heed the Savior's invitation, come to the feast, He wants to save and keep you, He loves to give you a robe of righteousness.

Heaven is my home and I am looking forward to that happy place where I expect to see my dear Redeemer who loved me so much that He died for me. Would you not love Him too for He wants all to be saved, only we must come to Him in His way and give Him our life and love. May God bless these lines to some dear soul. And if we never meet you in this life let us live so we may meet in heaven which is the home of the soul and I want to be faithful to God and a blessing and not a stumbling block in any one's way.

I wish you all God's blessing.

Yours in Jesus till He comes.

Anna J. Stoner.

Martinsburg, Pa.

TESTIMONY.

Tonight I felt impressed to write a few lines for the Visitor columns. Am glad to report victory and joy in my soul tonight for which I praise the Lord. Am glad that He ever found way to my heart and that Jesus is more precious

yes to all of His sweet will and let Him have His way in our hearts and lives. There are many sad hearts all around us tonight that would be made happy and free if they would only let the Holy Spirit lead and direct. How blessed to know that Jesus is interested in each one of us and that He just longs to carry our burdens. Am glad He has a satisfying portion for every precious soul who will trust Him. Blessed be His Name! Am glad that Jesus has become so real to me and as I keep close to Him He does reveal Himself in many ways. His love is so precious tonight. O how carelessly souls are going on in sin without thinking what the harvest will be. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Am glad it is our privilege to sow to the Spirit and to reap life everlasting.

Tonight I see greater privileges in Jesus than ever before and I just long to be kept humble and low at His feet where He can use me to His glory. Am glad He has given each one of us a little place to fill for Him and as we are faithful in the very least place our reward will be sure. Let us be true to our dear Savior for He is coming soon to receive us to Himself: Bless His Name.

Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation but in me ye shall have peace." May His peace keep our hearts and minds stayed on Him and then our testimony will always be.

Well of water ever springing.
Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me,
Pray for me.

Your sister in Jesus,

Ida Stauffer.

R. D. 4. Canton, Ohio.

HYMNAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

At the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ held last May it was decided that the hymnal committee should confer with the Executive Board in reference to the publishing of a second edition of the Revised Hymnal of the above named church. After due consideration and deliberations it was decided to have a second edition published. E. O. Excell, the publisher agreed to give us the same price as the old or first edition if 5000 copies would be gotten, if not \$12.00 dollars was to be added to the total cost of number ordered to cover expense of small order. We deemed it unadvisable to get more than 3000 copies.

Books are now on hand and can be obtained by sending orders to M. L. Hoffman, Abilene, Kans., or John A. Climenhaga, Grantham, Pa. Prices are as follows. Revised Spiritual Hymns Limp Cloth Binding 15 cents a copy. Lots of fifty or more 12½ cents a copy. Cloth Bound edition 35 cents a copy. Lots of 50 or more 30 cents a copy.

Postage and express or freight charges to be paid by the purchaser.

The old edition cloth bound can be obtained also by sending orders to John A. Climenhaga, Grantham, Pa. at the following prices:

Single copies \$.40 each.

Lots of 50 or more \$.37 each.

Postage, express or freight charges extra.

Sec. Hymnal Committee.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We regret it much that the current issue is delayed again. We were hopeful that we would succeed in get-

ting it out early, but the coal famine struck Grantham pretty hard, and—disappointment was made our portion. The answer that meets us in this experience as in many others is that “it is war time,” and that our lot is to suffer hardships.

We are puzzled to understand how some friends come to the conclusion that our post office address is Grantham and not Harrisburg, Pa. The **Visitor** states this plainly. We have **not** removed to Grantham. If we do so once the notice will appear in the **Visitor**.

We would kindly ask our Canadian friends to not send us Canada money—bank bills, silver or postage stamps—nor private checks, unless they are so situated that they cannot procure postal order, express order, bank draft, or American bank bills. There is a discount on Canada money and a charge to cash private checks.

The Annual Ministerial and S. S. meeting for the Pequea—Manor dist., will be held at the Lancaster Mission on Feb. 13. It will be interesting. All are invited.

ANTI-SECRECY CONVENTION.

On Feb. 11 and 12, the Annual State Convention of the National Christian Association, for Pennsylvania will convene at Mt. Joy, Pa. An interesting program will be carried out on the line of Anti-Secrecy. Eld. E. H. Hess of Grantham, Pa., is president of the State society this year. All who can do so ought to attend this convention and learn more of the lodge power as it is exercised in their country.